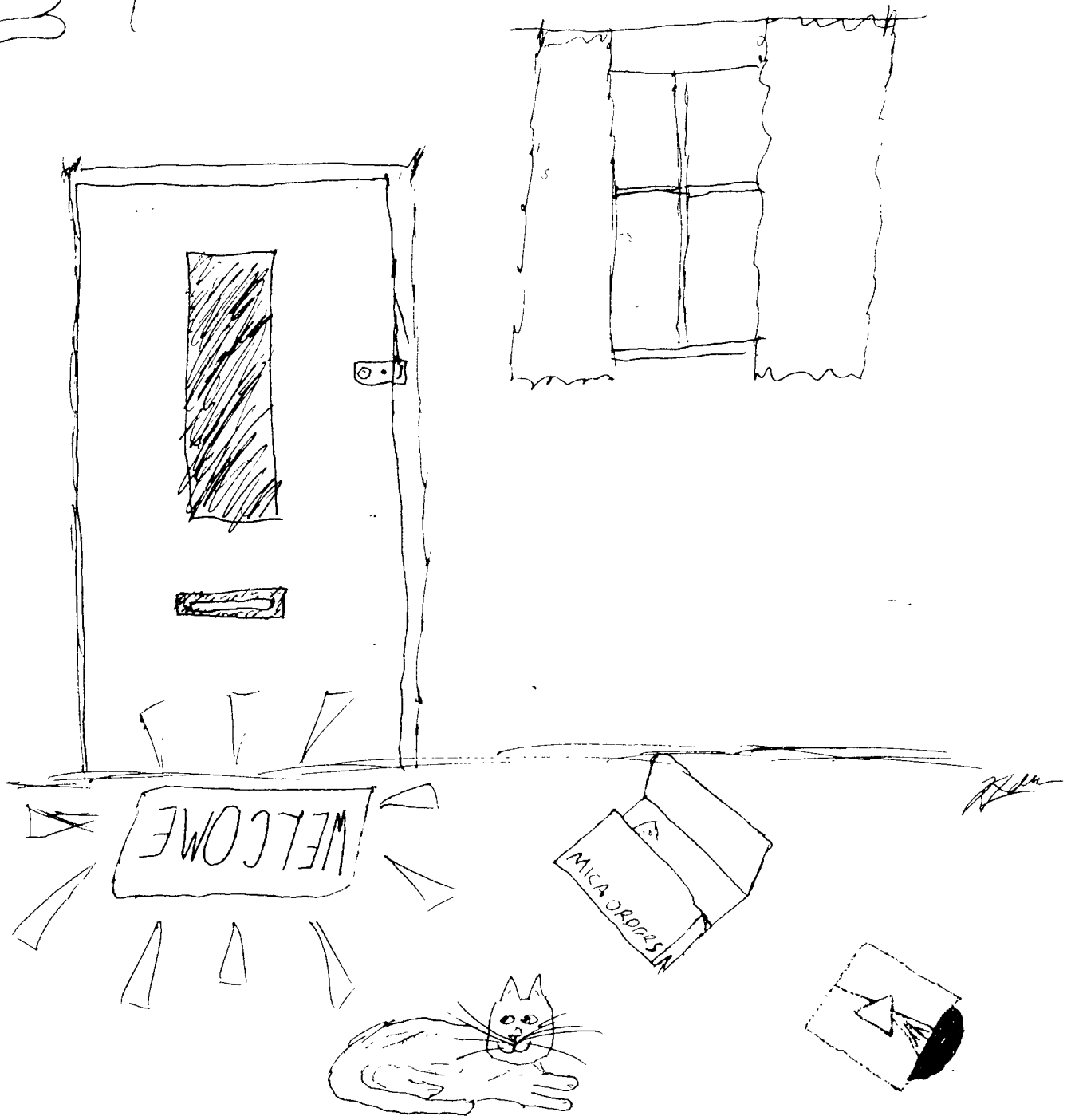


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Special 'where's all me sodding orders?'
issue

Actually, this is UP AROUND THE BEND issue 7. and I've got nearly all
your orders, thank you. (Haz Bond, 13 Merrivale Rd, Stafford SP17 9EB)

A postal games zine staggering towards its first Yule, complete with white beard, red clothes, and bloody huge heavy sack over shoulder full of games such as Diplomacy, Railway Rivals, Sopwith, and variants thereupon. Cost of admission to Santa's Grotto: 30p plus post per issue. Cost of admission to our midwinter housecon: nil, except for such things as bottles and sleeping bags.

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**EGOLAND**

In the face of er um no opposition at all really, the pricing of U-Bend is altering to a variable rate of 30p plus post -- first class for players, second for anyone else unless requesting otherwise. This will allow me to go over the lowest weight band without either bankrupting myself (the honourable option) or making you get out of bed at six in the morning to pay the extra postage due (the blackguardish, or Steve Howe, option).

After last issue's lateness, I had fond hopes of getting this one out on time as compensation. But it was not to be. What a month!

First off, I was coming back from Manchester (with, indeed, the uncollated copies of U-Bend 6 in the back seat) on a Saturday evening. It was bloody well persisting down with rain, and somewhere near Wythenshawe somebody's car was broken down. Not, as you might expect, on the hard shoulder, but in the middle lane. The same lane where I was speeding along at 50 mph. Arrgh bloody hell slam on brakes lack of screech sodding hell skid arrgh again CRASH CRASH CRASH BANG was approximately the course of events. Well, as you can tell from the fact that you're reading this, I lived; indeed, I suffered no ill effects at all, bar the shock. Until you've suffered from shock you don't appreciate what a simply weird feeling it is. If there were a way of inducing it without the need for a prior crash or general trauma, they would be marketing it as a drug by now, and up-tight Tories would be legislating to ban it. (Wouldn't even have to change the name. "Wanna buy some Shock?")

Be that as it may, the car did not share my lucky escape. It's been sitting miserably in a garage since, waiting for the machinery of the insurance companies to start moving -- machinery from which the mills of God apparently learned all they knew. Why, given that the three companies involved all know each others' addresses, do they persist in sending their bumf, not to each other, not even to my father by whose policy I'm covered, but to me, who loses the address of my father's insurers with sad but predictable regularity?

As if to compensate for these really rather gloomy happenings, I got a job two days before this issue's deadline, which is part of the reason for this issue being late again. (Other reasons include my losing the RR and AA maps and having to laboriously reconstruct them from tatty photocopies, blank hexsheets, and back issues). I'm working -- only part-time yet, but we shall see -- in the library at Stafford College of Further Education, and am paid what to me seem vast sums after my recent penury to sit around and "learn how to use word processors" (which in effect means writing all my hobby letters on them. Unfortunately the WP programs aren't compatible enough to do U-Bend there).

Apart from this, there has been many another crisis and happening in my life this past six weeks or so. But if I were to tell y'all about them, the zine would be even later. It's now December 20th and if I don't get the zine out today, it won't be with you over your turkey. So...

**WHAT'S BEEN DID AND WHAT'S BEEN HID (hobby news)**

...this is all the 'extra' you get; no letter column (I've misplaced all the heldover letters anyway), no maps, not much chat, no long zine poll predictions either -- I'll restrain myself and do a Kinzett-style analysis of the results instead (it being a good deal easier to avoid making a twit of yourself that way by not predicting the unexpected win of Froggy; though I expect I shall still manage it). Anyone who hasn't voted yet should do so now, assuming you haven't lost the ballot form I sent out last issue.

Zine to be Believed 100 has finally staggered forth, putting such creatures as Walkerdine to shame by its very existence; a front cover ripped off... ahem, **adapted**, from an ER Eddison paperback (I mention this as a public service announcement), and a history of the zine which is both exhaustive and exhausting. A tip of the hat to Nick Kinzett, from whom this mighty tome may be obtained (11 Daleway Rd, Green Lane, Coventry CV3 6JF. No idea of price, tho').

Apart from this the zine scene is rather quiet really; all the zines I had pegged to moan at for lateness have turned up (Obsidian was accidentally not sent, NMR took so long to cash the cheque I sent that I'd closed the account down in between). Y Ddraig Goch has showed up with Iain making hollow bonging noises, as the saying goes; I doubt he will fold, as he's one of those people who's addicted to editing, but this is probably not a good time for a first sub.

Rusty Bolts survive Andy Mansfield shock horror! In an exclusive story (made thus by ringing Knit Twinset and publishing the revelations thus earned before Electric Monk) we can reveal that the were-koala, as ever unable to shed hobby service posts, has been bludgeoned into taking on the Rusties, missing believed dead among the twisted wreckage that was Will It Lead To Trouble?! Expect nominations to open in the new year. Now, Nick, I believe the Sharpday is getting a little tired of issuing Boardman numbers, and of course Sullivan is too busy with CMag to do the OGRE's job properly, and Iain will probably shed the zine poll in order to concentrate on YDdG...

There is some news about the Gladys Awards, but John Miller has bribed me not to print it. John, if this conspiracy of silence is to continue, I require a separate bribe every issue. In advance, s.v.p.

Another good reason for me getting this issue out now, of course, is so I can spend the holiday racking my brains over the Dolchstoss christmas quiz (which I haven't had yet, but expect to be as much a stinker as ever. At least now I work in the library I have all the reference books at my fingertips. Theoretically, anyway). Dolchstoss is 75p all-in per ish from Richard Sharp, Norton House, Whielden St, Amersham, Bucks HP7 0HU.

Flash shock news! Bond wins first ever postal game, blows all opponents to shreds in Mopsy Sopwith game. The world lies at my feet!

Hobby member Mark Roberts has sold an SF story to INTERZONE, so saith Obsidian. I always thought that the hobby would produce a Real Writer... mind you, with Birks and his radio plays, maybe it's two. And then of course there's Richard Sharp. I've got his **other** book (the one which isn't The Game of Diplomacy) out of the library. Review next issue? In brief, it's better written but more obscure.

Mentioning Birks, GREATEST HITS, the highest-numbered zine still alive (166 out recently) is, while it runs no games, a stonking good read which I recommend to you all. The nit forgets to print his address and price, but it's 181 Friern Rd, London SE22 0DB, and try fifty pee.

HOUR AFTER HOUR IN AN IVORY TOWER  
the games section

No maps this time, I'm afraid, as it's a choice between doing them or getting the zine to you before the postal deadlock round Xmas.

ENGLISH (Railway Rivals OH)

Grrrrrrrrrr

Heldover again, as Mark Giles failed to send his map on to Nicholas Parish and I haven't had chance to procure and mark up a replacement. If y'all want to send hate mail to young Giles I for one shall not stand in your way. Meantime, I... ahem... have mislaid all the orders on file (it's been so long), so please resubmit them. (But you won't send hate mail to me, will you?)

HERSHEY (Diplomacy 91DG)

Not yet Autumn 1902

JACK (Five Italies Diplomacy)

Also not yet Autumn 1902

Both these games are held over, as Paul Bennett has been in a car smash and now feels in less than good condition. Given that I too have been finding out about the joys of Road Traffic Accidents (see editorial) I feel disposed to grant the holdover -- but note; if you (or anyone) asks for one without including orders, and I don't grant it, you will be NMRed and look pretty damn silly. All other relevant orders on file (may be changed).

QUINCY (Time Lords Diplomacy II)

Gamestart

AUSTRIA: Mike Allaway, 62 Herga Road, Harrow, Middx HA3 5AS

ENGLAND: John Wilman, 87 Lovell Road, Cambridge CB4 2QW {moving soon}

FRANCE: Richard Walkerdine, 13 Offley Road, Hitchin SG5 2AZ

GERMANY: Steve Doubleday, Norton House, Whielden St, Amersham, Bucks HP7 0HU

ITALY: Rob Moore, The Cedars, Ruskinville Bridge, Abbey Road, Dolton in  
Furness, Cumbria LA15 8LS

RUSSIA: Peter Ritchie, 241 Days Lane, Sidcup, Kent DA15 8JX

TURKEY: Edmund Morgan, Residence C Ch. 415, Residence Universitaire Galois,  
Cite Scientifique, 59650 Villeneuve d'Ascq, FRANCE

GM: Me, of course, you dweeps. Of you go!

RUNCIMAN (Sopwith T???UB)

Gamestart

Start A1: Adam Sharr, 54 Kingsdown Road, Cheam, Surrey SM3 8NY

Start A10: Tim Lomas, 211a Amesbury Avenue, London SW2 3BJ

Start J19: Jeff Cattle, 13 Taylor Close, Ossett, W Yorkshire WF5 0SY

Start S19: Mark Wightman, 30 Willow close, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe  
Keble College, Oxford OX1 3PG [term] ((HP10 9LH [home])

Start S10: Rob Cullender, 334 Barrows Lane, Yardley, Birmingham B26 1QJ

Start J1: Marc Cole, 21 Farmlees, Charfield, Glos GL12 8JA

Note, mark and inwardly digest the fact that Rob C is an ACE. I hear tell that a new batch of Aces are qualified, possibly including Mark W; I'm currently checking with Dave Tant.

Clouds begin at: (D4,D5,E6): (F9,F10,F11,G9,G10): (H6,I6,J6): (H15,H16,I16)  
(L15,M15,N16,O16): (M10,N11,N12,O12).

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ALEX RICHARDSON (AND TO FILL SPACE):

Yes, I do bloody well listen to the Goon Show! I'm a member of the Goon Show Preservation society, in point of fact. So needle, nardle, noo to you!

OMAR (Intimate Ia)

Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (Tom Tweedy): A(Vie)-Tyr, A(Bud)-Rum, F(Tri)-Alb.  
 ENGLAND (Austrian): F(Lon)-NTH, F(Edi)-NWG, A(Lpl)-Yor.  
 FRANCE (German): A(Par)-Gas, F(Bre)-ENG, A(Mar)-Pie.  
 GERMANY (Peter Dunnett): A(Ber)-Mun, A(Mun)-Bur, F(Kie)-Hol.  
 ITALY (Neutral): A(Ven), A(Rom), F(Nap) all H u/o.  
 RUSSIA (Neutral): A(War), A(Mos), F(StP/sc), F(Sev) all H u/o.  
 TURKEY (Austrian): F(Ank)-BLA, A(Con)-Smy, A(Smy)-Syr.

**Press:**

**Peter - Tom:** Hello and good luck. Is it true that games between Austria and Germany are over quickly? And **always** end in a win for Germany?

KELSO (Intimate Ia)

Autumn 1901

GOSH! TWO NEUTRALS FALL

AUSTRIA (Mark Stretch): F(Tri)-Ven, A(Gal)-Vie, A(Bud)-Ser.  
 ENGLAND (Neutral): F(Lon), F(Edi), A(Lpl) all H u/o.  
 FRANCE (Neutral): A(Par), A(Mar), F(Bre) all H u/o.  
 GERMANY (Austrian): A(Mun)-Sil, A(Pru)-Lvn, F(BAL)-Swe.  
 ITALY (Russian): A(Tyr)-Vie, A(Rom)-Ven, F(ION)-ADR.  
 RUSSIA (Eddy Richards): F(GOB)-Swe, A(Ukr) S A(War), A(War) H, F(Rum) H.  
 TURKEY (Russian): A(Bul)-Ser, F(BLA) S Russian F(Rum), A(Con) H.

|          |                      |     |               |  |
|----------|----------------------|-----|---------------|--|
| Austria: | Bud Tri Vie          | =3  |               |  |
| England: | Lon Lpl Edi          | =3  |               |  |
| France:  | Par Bre Mar          | =3  |               |  |
| Germany: | Ber Mun Kie          | =3  |               |  |
| Italy:   | Rom Ven Nap          | =3  |               |  |
| Russia:  | Mos Sev StP War +Rum | =5  | Builds A(Mos) |  |
| Turkey:  | Con Ank Smy +Bul     | =4  | Builds F(Smy) |  |
| Neutral: | All The Oth Ers      | =10 |               |  |

Next time:  
 bids for  
 1902, please!  
 Russia has 7  
 Austria has 17

GRIFFIN (Sopwith T174UB)

Turn 4

| Pilot                                            | Starts  | Moves                        | Ends    | A :D :P  |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Baron von Boggles<br>Mark Giles                  | C8-C7   | RS, RS, A                    | A5-A4   | 16:06:02 |
| 'Blue with White<br>Stripes' Baron Peter Ritchie | O16-P16 | LS, A, <u>RT</u>             | Q16-Q15 | 16:11:02 |
| Roger Ramjet<br>{John Todd} (NMR!)               | J13-I12 | A, <u>A</u> , A              | G10-F9  | 15:10:02 |
| Captain Condor<br>ACE! Dave Rowley               | L5-K5   | RT f-R, A f-R, <u>RT</u> f-A | N9-O10  | 09:05:10 |
| Machine Gun Joe<br>ACE! Stuart Tweedy            | N9-O10  | I, LS f-A, LS f-A&R          | O8-N7   | 10:04:09 |

Clouds head SE to: (F7,F8,G8):(F10,G10,H11,I11):(H15,I15,J15):(K10,K11,L10,L11,M10):(P15,Q16,R16):(Q13,Q14,R14,S14)... and thus bop Roger Ramjet for another point of damage. Lord knows what's happened to John Todd. I've read in other zines that he's moved to Norway and back, but I've heard nothing directly, so can't do a lot.

**Press:**

**Blue with White Stripes Baron:** Ahoy, me hearties! Let's sink them clouds!  
**Judge English:** Acksherly, Baron, if you run into them they tend to sink you rather than vice versa.

Surely it can't be long now...?

| Pilot                          | Starts  | Moves     | Ends    | A : D : P |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Mr Spock<br>ACE! Rob Cullender | H6-H7   | RT, RS, A | J9-K10  | 05:05:21  |
| 'Ginger' Rogers<br>John Miller | M15-M16 | LT, LT, A | J13-I12 | 06:04:26  |

Clouds go NW to (C5,D6,E6):(C12,D12,E13,F13):(H14,H15,I15,J15):(I6,J6,J7):  
(M8,N8):(M15,N14,N15,O14,O15).

Press:

Who needs fire control scanners anyway?!

DREDD (Diplomacy 91DC)

Spring 1903

OH NO! THE GORE! THE BLOODSHED!

(The traditional error -- Russia supported Austrian A(Bul), not Russian!)

AUSTRIA: Allan Gordon, 3 Forest Avenue, Chingford E4 6AR  
F(Gre)-Alb, A(Ser) S F(Gre)-Alb, A(Bud) S A(Ser), A(Bul)-Gre,  
A(Tri) S F(Gre)-Alb, A(Vie) S A(Tri).

ENGLAND: Adam Sharr, 54 Kingsdown Road, Cheam, Surrey SM3 8NY  
A(Den)-Swe, F(GOB) S A(Den)-Swe, F(NTH)-Nwy, A(Yor)-Lpl.

FRANCE: Peter Dunnett, 328 Old Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 3NU  
A(Por)-Spa, F(IRI)-Wal, F(Bre)-ENG, F(Bel) S F(Bre)-ENG,  
A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Mun) S A(Bur)-Ruh, A(Par)-Bur.

GERMANY: Peter Ritchie, 241 Days Lane, Sidcup, Kent DA15 8JX  
F(Hol)\_S\_A(Kie)-Den {not adj.}, A(Kie)-Den, A(Ruh)\*-Mun.

ITALY: Toby Harris, 6 Durham Tce, Silksworth, Sunderland SR3 1BW  
A(Ven)\_S\_French A(Mun)-Tyr {nso}, A(Alb)\*-Tri, F(ION)-ADR,  
F(TYS)-ION.

RUSSIA: Vick Hall, 49 Vartry Road, Stamford Hill, London N15  
A(Arm)-Syr, A(Sev)-Arm, A(Nwy)-Fin, F(StP/nc)-Nwy, F(Swe)\*\_S  
German A(Kie)-Den, A(Rum)\_S\_Austrian A(Bul) {unit moved}, A(Ukr) S  
A(Rum), F(Con)\* prays to Allah.

TURKEY: Peter Charles, 16 Bosbury Road, Catford, London SE6 2SJ  
A(Ank)-Con, F(Smy) S A(Ank)-Con.

Unpleasantnesses: German A(Ruh) dies nro (wot about Kiel?); Russian F(Con)  
ditto (!!!); Italian A(Alb) dies nrp. Russian F(Swe)-SKA.

Press:-

All - England: A child of five could probably do better.

England - All but France and Russia: Yes, it's time to play 'Spot the Backstabbing Git' again... And this week's winner is Peter Dunnett [applause], closely followed by Vick Hall (and I sub to his zine too....)

England - Turkey: I bet Dunnett's a postman too!

Postman Pat - Turkey: I'll have you know I'm a very nice chap and operate every bit as efficiently as the Russian forces allow.

Russia - GM: But not as sneaky as he hoped (eh Toby?)

Rome - Gingerbread Man: Nice one about the chocolate button saga. Have a free supply centre on me -- just travel to Vienna to claim it!

The Gingerbread Man hopped up onto a green tree stump and took five. It was time to take stock of the situation -- too many variables. A voice

suddenly interrupted his thought-flow. "Hello, Scrumptious! I'm a Green stump and much thicker'n your average chunk of wood, but I'd still like to eat you!" Ginger leapt three feet into the air. "F'crissake, Tobe! -- don't you ever give up?!!"

**Turkey - Russia:** Haven't you heard about Ukranian independence? All Russian units in Ukr and Sev are now in Anarchy!

**Turkey - Boris Yeltsin:** Dear Boris, I'm playing in this game where a guy called Vick Hall is trying to convince us he's in charge of Russia. Can you come and sort him out, please?

**England - France:** We shall fight them on the beaches, we shall fight thm on the landing stages, we shall fight them in the towns and in the cities, and we shall never surrender... Nope, we'll just lose!

**Anon - All but England:** He must be desperate if he's resorting to Winston Churchill quotes.

**England - France:** Thanks for the letter, no hard feelings (well, not many anyway....)

NOXIN (Intimate Ia)

Autumn 1901

AUSTRIA (Italian): F(Alb) H, A(Boh)-Mun, A(Gal)-Sil.  
 ENGLAND (Mick Haytack): F(NWG) S F(NTH)-Nwy, F(NTH)-Nwy, A(Wal)-Bre.  
 FRANCE (English): F(ENG) C English A(Wal)-Bre, A(Mar)-Pie, A(Bur)-Ruh  
 GERMANY (Italian): A(Kie)-Den, A(Ruh)-Bel, F(Hol) S A(Ruh)-Bel.  
 ITALY (Nicholas Parish): A(Tri)-Vie, A(Ven)-Tri, F(ION)-Tun.  
 RUSSIA (Italian): F(GOB) C A(Lvn)-Swe, A(StP)-Fin, A(Lvn)-Swe, F(Sev) H  
 TURKEY (Italian): F(Arm) H, A(Ank) H, A(Syr) H.

**Builds:-**

|          |                         |                     |     |                          |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Austria: | Bud                     | -Vie -Tri +Mun      | = 2 | Disbands F(Alb)          |
| England: | Lon Lpl Edi             | +Nwy +Bre           | = 5 | Builds F(Lon), A(Edi)    |
| France:  | Par Mar                 | -Bre                | = 2 | Disbands F(ENG)          |
| Germany: | Ber Kie                 | -Mun +Den +Hol +Bel | = 5 | Builds F(Kie), F(Ber)    |
| Italy:   | Rom Nap Ven             | +Vie +Tri +Tun      | = 6 | + A(Ven), F(Rom), F(Nap) |
| Russia:  | Mos War StP Sev         | +Swe                | = 5 | Builds F(StP/nc)         |
| Turkey:  | Ank Con Smy             |                     | = 3 | n/c                      |
| Neutral: | Spa Por Gre Bul Rum Ser |                     | = 6 |                          |
|          |                         |                     | 34  |                          |

Bids now required; Italy having 6, England 18.

McGRUDER (Deluge Dip)

Autumn 1901

AUSTRIA: Paul Norris, Top Flat, 53 Ashley Hill, Montpelier, Bristol BS7 9BE  
 A(Vie)-Bud, F(Alb)-Gre, A(Ser) S F(Alb)-Gre.

ENGLAND: Tony Sait, 15 Alphington Green, Frimley, Surrey GU16 5LQ  
 F(NWG)-Nwy, A(Edi) B F(NTH)...A/F(NTH)-ENG...A(ENG) D Bre.

FRANCE: David Tittle, 5 Penrhyn Crescent, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 4XJ  
 A(Spa)-Por, A(Gas)-Spa, F(Pic)-Bel.

GERMANY: Nicholas Parish, Monkmoor, 10 Beechwood Ave, Weybridge KT13 9TE  
 F(Ber)-BAL, F(Den)-Swe, A(Mun)-Ber.

ITALY: Allan Gordon, 3 Forest Avenue, Chingford E4 6AR  
F(Ven) S Austrian A(Vie)-Tri {nso}, A(Apu) B F(ION)...  
 A/F(ION)-AEG...A(AEG) D Smy.

RUSSIA: Dave Hicks, Top Flat, 8 Dyfrig Street, Pontcanna, Cardiff CF1 9LR  
 F(BLA)-Rum, F(GOB)-Swe, A(Sil)-Ber, A(StP)-Fin.

TURKEY: Peter Ritchie, 241 Days Lane, Sidcup, Kent DA15 8JX  
A(Bul)-Ser, A(Ank)-Arm, F(Con)-BLA.

**McGruder Builds:-**

|                         |                     |     |                       |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| Austria: Tri Vle Bud    | +Ser +Gre           | = 5 | Builds F(Tri), nflbo! |
| England: Lon Lpl Edi    | +Nwy +Bre           | = 5 | Builds F(Lon), F(Edi) |
| France: Par Mar         | -Bre +Por +Spa +Bel | = 5 | Builds A(Par), F(Mar) |
| Germany: Ber Kie Mun    | +Den                | = 4 | Builds A(Mun)         |
| Italy: Rom Nap Ven      | +Smy                | = 4 | Builds F(Nap)         |
| Russia: Mos StP War Sev | +Rum                | = 5 | Builds F(StP/sc)      |
| Turkey: Ank Con         | -Smy +Bul           | = 3 | n/c                   |
| Neutral: Hol Tun Swe    |                     | = 3 |                       |
|                         |                     | 34  |                       |

nflbo = no further legal build ordered (Paul tried to build in an occupied centre, the silly).

Whereupon Lon, Hol, Bel, Gas, Ven and Lvn sink, giving us several two-coasted provinces: Mar (nc and sc, with the French fleet on the latter), Pie (ec and wc), Tus (ec and wc). Don't forget that newly created oceans are referred to in caps! Newly created centres are Wal, Ruh, Tyr.

**Press:-**

**Apres moi, le Deluge!**

**Jim Ladd:** The smoke in the inn was so thick you could have cut it with a knife. At least, Jim thought that must be the reason why daggers and cutlasses kept slicing through the murky atmosphere. This wasn't at all like he expected. The smoke made him cough, the noise of the "singing" was quite disgusting, though not as disgusting as the contents of his mug. If this was ale -- then not impressed. And where was the witty repartee he was told abounded? He shook the shoulder of Warpath, his chum from America. "Come on, Warpy, let's get some air." A sozzled grunt was all he got in reply. "Oh, all right -- I'm off." He stood up, and promptly smashed his skull into the jaw of the gentleman bending over him... "I'm so sorry, sir, how can I apologise..." "No need for apologies, lad," replied Bosun Hicks-Pasha, in between spitting out bits of molar, "just help me back to my ship, will ye."

Back on board the Wopbasher, the Cap'n smiled. Somehow he knew things would work out for him....

**Green Slime:** Aah! it was good to be on the open sea. Now -- what should eh pollute first? Dubrovnik?.... Nah, they'd got enough troubles. Greece? No point. The Austrian tourists would crap it up soon enough. Turkey? Well, it was chancy... but what the hell! Yeah -- go for it!

**Adam Sharr - All:** Not writing letters? This sounds like my kinda game. Can I be standby?

ANDERSON (T172UB)

Turn 5

| Pilot                                 | Starts                | Moves                                                  | Ends              | A :D :P  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Kaptain Krum<br>Kris Morris           | M9-N9                 | <u>RT</u> f- <u>R</u> , <u>RT</u> f- <u>L</u> , aargh! |                   | 05       |
| Major Mirkin<br>James Thorp<br>(NMR!) | M16-N17               | <u>A</u> , A, A                                        | P19-E             | 14:01:00 |
| Lt.Janno Vorg<br>John Webley          | M14-N14               | LT f-A& <u>L</u> , LS f- <u>L</u> , LS N17-018         |                   | 07:12:11 |
| Daffy Dodo<br>David Oya               | O17-016               | RT, RT, A f-A&R                                        | L16-K16           | 12:08:04 |
| Magneto<br>Tim Lomas                  | K7-L8                 | <u>RS</u> f- <u>A</u> , wheee, splat                   |                   | -01      |
| The Major<br>Dave Lomas               | K4-L4                 | A f- <u>L</u> , <u>LT</u> f- <u>A</u> &R, A            | L7-L8             | 05:07:23 |
| Clouds go SE again:                   | (F3, F4, G3, G4, H3): | (I10, I11, I12):                                       | (J5, J6, I4, I5): |          |
| (K9, L8, L9):                         | (N6, O6, O7):         | (R10, S10, S11):                                       |                   |          |



**Judge English:** Did I say last time was bloodthirsty? I take it all back! The Major, apparently bucking for promotion, first collaborates with Krum in dismembering Magneto's kite, then turns on his erstwhile ally and knocks him too out of the sky; and elsewhere, Janno Vorg in his spotless machine leaves sleepy Mirkin's plane held together only by cardboard and string. Who's next?

**Press:**

**Major - Magneto:** Dun-faffin'. Looks like you need some superglue.

**Judge English - Major:** No, a parachute.

**Janno Vorg:** This will certainly cause some damage, but how much will I take?

**Judge English - Vorg:** Sod all, old chap, sod all. Lucky bleeder.

PEPPER (Sopwith T???UB)

Turn 2

| Pilot                                | Starts  | Moves                     | Ends    | A :D :P  |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Retaliator<br>Mark Wightman          | A1      | T/o Alpha, A, A, A        | A4-A5   | 16:12:00 |
| Cam E.Khazi<br>Adam Sharr            | D13-E14 | A f-A, O f-A&R, O         | E14-F15 | 12:07:05 |
| Erik the Half-a-bee<br>Erik Eriksson | G16-F15 | LS f-A, LS f-A&R, LS      | G13-F12 | 12:07:05 |
| Baron von Lettuceleaf<br>Marc Cole   | S16-S15 | RS, RS f-A, <u>RS</u> f-A | P13-P12 | 13:09:03 |
| Atsuko<br>Dave Lomas                 | Q11-P11 | LS, RT f-R, O f-A&R       | P11-P12 | 13:09:03 |
| Father Avion<br>Jeff Cattle          | H2-G2   | RT, RT, RS f-A            | J4-K5   | 15:12:00 |

Clouds go NE to: (E11,E12,F10,F11): (I13,I14,J14): (K7,K8,K9): (L15,M14,M15,M16): (M11,M12,N10,N11,N12): (M19).

**Press:**

**Anon - All:** Ordered back to his Camel! That Retaliator bloke will soon get the hump (the old ones are still the best!)

**Lettuceleaf - Anon:** Thanks for that vote of confidence!

**Father Avion - All:** "Only this is what you must not eat: the camel." Leviticus 11.4

**Judge English - Father Avion:** Oh lordy. Please can we keep the Biblical press quotes in Springboard where they belong?

**Retaliator - Khazi and Erik:** Can anyone join the party?

**Retaliator - All:** Let's party!!!!

**Khazi - Erik:** We'll both be lucky to get out of this alive! First one out is... er, well, probably going to be me actually.

**Atsuko - Lettuceleaf:** Righto then. I am going to make more holes in you than a caterpillar could.

**Sopwith Query:** When ordering two zero moves, can the single "Ahead" be any of the three moves, or does it have to be the first one?

**Sopwith Answer:** It has to be the first one.

IZZARD (Railway Rivals Dynamite PN)

Round 3

GOLDEN SPIKE HAMMERED...INTO SAIT'S HEAD?

WARPATH (David Tittle, black): 3a) (F34)-Granger-G33-G32-J30: 3b) (J30)-J28  
-Pocatello-K26: 3c) (K26)-K22-L21. 41+6+6-3=50

GIT (Tony Sait, green): 3a) (D76)-D74-F73: 3b) (F73)-F72-E72-E71-F70-F69:  
3c) (F61)-Spokane-A67. 35-2N-3=30

MICA (Joy Hibbert, purple): 3a) (P41)-P40-Sheridan-Q39-T37: 3b) (T37)-U37-  
Billings-X34: 3c) (X34)-Z33-Z30. 23+6-3T-1H-3-3=19

TBNS (John Colledge, blue): 3a) (S26)-S23-T22: 3b) (T22)-T20-U20-V20-W20:  
3c) (W20)-Lewiston; (T20)-T16. 31+6+3M-3=37

HAVE A NICE DAY (Steve Guest, orange): 3a) (A74)-A73-B72-B71-C71-C70-Coeur  
d'Alene: 3b) (Coeur)-Spokane-A67-A65; 3c) (A65)-A63-B62-Wenatchee<sup>2</sup>  
 C61. 29+6+6+6+1M+2G-3=47

**Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap:** Two sabotage gangs meet unexpectedly at D47-D46; between them they have no problem in blowing GIT's track there to smithereens. Also wiped out by a bang-shaped noise is HAVE A NICE DAY's line at Y25-Y26. Heroic workmen repair WARPETH's breach at H39-I39.

Note that John has moved: c/o Hurcombe, 28 Colinton Rd, Edinburgh EH10 5EQ

Rolls for the next round are: 3-2-6

**Press:**

It was bloody cold in those mountains. Sidney Gormless the Third sat cradling his "shot" in the old rundown bar in downtown Helena. Those boys up in the mountains must be really freezing their "Butts" (pun) off. Still, he mused, the little surprise he'd left in their lunch pack would soon warm them up. He smiled to himself....

FARADAY (Atlantic Airlines)

Turn 2

PLANE MANUFACTURERS PUT WORKERS ON OVERTIME

| Company/Base    | Aircraft/          | Start         | / | Via                                    | / | End           |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---|----------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| LAKER/New York  | DC8 / 747          | I6 / New York | / | Chicago / Pittsburgh                   | / | Atlanta / D59 |
|                 | David Tittle       |               |   | 102-28-50-20-280-35(interest)+102=-174 |   |               |
| CLAY P/London   | 747 / DC10         | D63 / London  | / | Atlanta                                | / | C43 / H48     |
|                 | Steve Guest        |               |   | -60-50-44-20-220-54(interest)+124=-324 |   |               |
| AIR CRASH/Paris | DC10 / 747         | Accra / Paris | / | Las Palmas                             | / | L14 / B56     |
|                 | David Oya          |               |   | 16-44-50-20-280-76(interest)=-454      |   |               |
| HIGH/Chicago    | 767 /              | D43 /         | / |                                        | / | Chicago       |
|                 | James Thorp (NMR!) |               |   | 64-36-20+45=55                         |   |               |
| JWA/Pittsburgh  | 767 /              | Belem /       | / |                                        | / | E34           |
|                 | John Webley        |               |   | 64-36-20=8                             |   |               |
| HYMEN/Atlanta   | TriStar / DC10     | H60 / Atlanta | / |                                        | / | Kano / C66    |
|                 | Dave Lomas         |               |   | 40-40-44-20-220-10(interest)+234=-60   |   |               |

**Planes on order and paid for next turn:** 707 for LAKER  
 TriStar for CLAY PIGEON  
 TriStar for AIR CRASH  
 707 for JWA  
 767 for HYMEN

**Passenger loads landed this turn:**

|           |         |                 |   |   |    |   |     |
|-----------|---------|-----------------|---|---|----|---|-----|
| Chicago   | Atlanta | HIGH/767        | 9 | / | 5  | / | 45  |
| Caracas   | Chicago | LAKER/DC8       | 6 | / | 17 | / | 102 |
| Amsterdam | Atlanta | CLAY PIGEON/747 | 4 | / | 31 | / | 124 |
| New York  | Kano    | HYMEN/TriStar   | 7 | / | 35 | / | 234 |

**Passenger loads currently in flight:**

|            |          |                 |    |   |    |   |     |
|------------|----------|-----------------|----|---|----|---|-----|
| Madrid     | Havana   | CLAY PIGEON/747 | 2  | / | 31 | / | 62  |
| Accra      | Montreal | AIR CRASH/DC10  | 5  | / | 35 | / | 175 |
| Atlanta    | Paris    | LAKER/DC8       | 5  | / | 30 | / | 150 |
| New York   | Algiers  | LAKER/747       | 10 | / | 27 | / | 270 |
| Pittsburgh | Algiers  | LAKER/747       | 2  | / | 29 | / | 58  |
| London     | New York | CLAY PIGEON/747 | 7  | / | 24 | / | 168 |
| Paris      | Belem    | AIR CRASH/747   | 2  | / | 29 | / | 58  |
| Las Palmas | Havana   | AIR CRASH/747   | 9  | / | 26 | / | 234 |
| Kano       | London   | HYMEN/TriStar   | 8  | / | 21 | / | 168 |

**Passenger loads currently available:**

| OLD:         |            | Load | Size | Distance | Value |
|--------------|------------|------|------|----------|-------|
| From         | To         |      |      |          |       |
| Bogota       | Paris      | 3    | /    | 37       | / 111 |
| Berlin       | Amsterdam  | 11   | /    | 3        | / 33  |
| Montreal     | Madrid     | 12   | /    | 22       | / 264 |
| Bogota       | Pittsburgh | 3    | /    | 18       | / 54  |
| Algiers      | Berlin     | 11   | /    | 9        | / 99  |
| NEW:         |            |      |      |          |       |
| Port O'Spain | Washington | 2    | /    | 13       | / 26  |
| New York     | Accra      | 4    | /    | 35       | / 140 |
| Frankfurt    | Pittsburgh | 6    | /    | 30       | / 180 |
| Algiers      | Atlanta    | 8    | /    | 29       | / 232 |
| Pittsburgh   | Paris      | 10   | /    | 27       | / 270 |
| Rome         | Berlin     | 12   | /    | 5        | / 60  |

LARTER (Asteroid Dogfight)

Turn 4

A Bold Lot (eschewing shields, ramming asteroids... grief!)

| Name                  | Start                    | Speed | Shd | Moves             | Fires           | Ends    | Cap | Dge |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|-----------------|---------|-----|-----|
| Gervaise the Frog     | F3-F2<br>Simon Cutforth  | 2 - 2 | 0   | <u>A,A</u>        | 0               | F1-SW   | 5   | 3   |
| Admiral James T. Bag  | F12-F13<br>Eddy Richards | 2 - 3 | 0   | A,A,RT            | R5              | G15-H16 | 3   | 16  |
| Soup Dragon           | L17-L16<br>David Tittle  | 2 - 3 | 0   | A,A,A             | 0               | L14-L13 | 5   | 16  |
| Last American Pitbull | K9-J8<br>Marc Cole       | 4 - 4 | 0   | LS,LS,LS,LS       | <u>A2,A4,A5</u> | K9-L8   | 1   | 16  |
| Kismett               | J4-I3<br>Nicholas Parish | 4 - 4 | 0   | RT,RS,LT,RT       | <u>A1,A3,L3</u> | G4-F4   | 0   | 9   |
| Major Mark E. Smith   | D3-D4<br>Edmund Morgan   | 3 - 5 | 0   | <u>A,A,A,A,RS</u> | 0               | E8-E9   | 3   | 4   |

Asteroids truck on NW: (E7,E8,F8)[0]: (E11,F11,F12)[4]: (I14,I15,J15)[4]: (M6,N6,N7)[4]: (N12,N13,O13)[4]: (P9,Q9,Q10)[4].

Some very sharp shooting inconveniences several astronauts, including Ethil the Frog (Simon, you forgot this game when you wrote your orders, and with them being late anyway I couldn't contact you to warn you). Following this, in an inspired piece of dire manoeuvring, Major Smith takes something of a Fall by steering directly into the path of a boulder, which smashes him -- and it -- up severely (hence the zero damage points for the first asteroid above. It will fragment next go).

**Mark E Smith - Mr Pharmacist:** Give me some ener-gy.

**Judge English - Mark:** Some sense of direction might serve you better.

Five...

four...

three...

two...

one...

Thunderbirds are go!

(dum-diddle-um, diddle-um-de-dum-diddle-um-de-dum...)

My best mistake yet -- I misnamed this game as 'AQUILA' last turn!

|               |          |       |           |               |
|---------------|----------|-------|-----------|---------------|
| Arcturus      | I/yellow | 58a/3 |           |               |
| Andy Bell     | F/red    | 4a/2  | * Sirius  |               |
|               | E/red    | 2a/1  | * Procyon | from Sirius   |
|               | I/yellow | 11a/1 |           | from Arcturus |
| Segin         | G/red    | 11a/3 |           |               |
| Rob Cullender | E/yellow | 2/1   | * Gemma   |               |
|               | A/yellow | 13/1  |           | from Algol    |

Battle Report:-

Seginian reinforcements show up at Gemma in a most timely fashion at the crucial point in the siege. Up-to-the-minute reports from Reuters (Interstellar) state that one advanced Arcturan and three standard Seginians are in deadlock.

Sector E/red changes hands as a task force of advanced Arcturans liberate Procyon and Sirius.

Still sitting at Rigel are 8 advanced Arcturan ships and 8 advanced ex-Rigellian ships.

|                                    |                                        |                                   |                                 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| C<br>Regulus)1R o+<br>Alhena       | B<br>Betelgeuse)1S o<br>Bellatrix)1S + | A<br>Mirfak<br>Algol)1S o+        | M<br>Menkhib)1S o<br>Miram)1S + |
| Avoir)1R +<br>Adhara)1R o          | Canopus<br>Rigel)* o+                  | Aldebaran +<br>Menkar o           | Theemin<br>Zaurak)1aR o+        |
| F<br>Merak)2aA +<br>Pollux)2aA o   | E<br>Castor)3S o+<br>Capella           | D<br>Polaris)1S +<br>Hamal)1S o   | N<br>Segin)72S o+<br>Schedir    |
| Alphard<br>Denebola)2aA o+         | Procyon)2aA o<br>Sirius)2aA +          | Mira)1aR o+<br>Archernar          | Alrisha)1S +<br>Mesarthim)1S o  |
| I<br>Alkaid<br>Arcturus)34aA o+    | H<br>Gemma) u/s +<br>Altair)1S o       | G<br>Alpharatz<br>Markab)1S o+    | O<br>Homam)1S o<br>Matar)1S +   |
| Acrux)1A +<br>Spica)1A o           | Alpha Centauri<br>Sol)5A o+            | Fomalhaut)1S +<br>Algenib)2S o    | Sandalmelek<br>Sandalsud)1aR o+ |
| L<br>Thuban)1A +<br>Rutilicus)1A o | K<br>Albireo<br>Vega)2A o+             | J<br>Deneb)2A +<br>Alderamin)2A o | P<br>Sham<br>Tarazed)1S o+      |
| Antares)1A o+<br>Atria             | Sargas)2A +<br>Sabik)1A o              | Enif<br>Pavo)2S o+                | Rukbat)1S +<br>Dabih)1S o       |

**Builds:** 12 advanced at Arcturus, 13 at Segin. The balance teeters...

COREY (Asteroid Dogfight)

Turn 5

| Name                         | Start   | Speed | Shd | Moves | Fires | Ends    | Cap | Dge |
|------------------------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-------|---------|-----|-----|
| Tiny Clanger<br>Dave Lomas   | D2-D3   | 0 - 2 | 0   | RS,RS | 0     | B2-B3   | 3   | 10  |
| Baron 'Flash'<br>von Boggles | F14-G15 | 1 - 2 | 0   | RT,RT | R4    | G13-G12 | 5   | 16  |

|                    |         |       |   |             |          |         |   |    |
|--------------------|---------|-------|---|-------------|----------|---------|---|----|
| Kaptain Krum       | N15-N14 | 4 - 3 | 0 | A,A,A       | 0        | N12-N11 | 5 | 16 |
| Kris Morris        |         |       |   |             |          |         |   |    |
| Last American      | Q10-Q11 | 4 - 4 | 0 | LT,LT,LT,LT | L2,L4,L5 | R9-S10  | 3 | 16 |
| Pitbull Marc Cole  |         |       |   |             |          |         |   |    |
| Mjr Mirkin II      | O8-O7   | 4 - 4 | 0 | A,A,crash!  | 0        | off     |   | 0  |
| James Thorp (NMR!) |         |       |   |             |          |         |   |    |
| Daffy Dodo         | A5-A6   | 4 - 4 | 0 | RT,RT,A,RT  | A5       | D5-D4   | 4 | 9  |
| David Oya          |         |       |   |             |          |         |   |    |

Asteroids go E and are at: (I8,J8,J9)[4]: I11[2]: I16[2]: (L13,L14,K14)[0]: I18[2]: L4[2]: L16[2]: (R17,R18,S18)[1]: S14[2]

New asteroid appears at: (A7,B7,B8)[4]. Another new one will appear next time to replace the ones you inconsiderate lot keep blowing up.

Once more a little asteroid -- nay, two of them -- hit a big one. Boggles, meantime, scores a direct hit on a second big one and blows it into three small chunks eminently suitable for ore mining. James Thorp NMRs once too often and pays the price.

**Press:**

**LA Pitbull - Da Judge:** Oh, you're still here then. When U-bend 6 was late I phoned you only to get no answer, so I naturally assumed you'd run off to Spain or somewhere with all the money you got from all us poor subbers. Oh to be a rich zine editor...

**Judge English - LA Pitbull:** Mega-City One penal code, section 15.4: false accusation carries a penalty of up to 10 years in an iso-cube. May I advise you to watch your words in future.

**Krum:** I still don't know what I'm doing. Does anyone else?

**Judge English - Krum:** See the rules forum, er, dammit, next issue?

HALWILL JUNCTION

where were you all?

KING PARR DETHRONED AS SUBBERS STAGE REVOLUTION: PRESIDENT COLE INAUGURATED

- 1: Nicholas Parish, Dave Rowley
- 2: **MARC COLE**
- 3: Peter Dunnett, Joy Hibbert, Ed Morgan, David Oya
- 4: John Webley, Andy Bell, Peter Ritchie, Dave Lomas
- 5:
- 6: Mark Stretch, Alan Parr, Jeff Cattle
- 7: John Miller
- 8:
- 9: Adam Sharr
- 10: Eddy Richards

Thus, at long last, we have the first genuine subscriber to carry off the spoils. But I remain disappointed by the turn-out -- 17 entries from a readership of nearly 100? It takes scarcely a second to enter, and I cheerfully accept entries on postit notes stuck to trade copies of zines (it's no surprise that the traders' monopoly was broken this time -- only Alan Parr bothered entering!) To refresh your memories, you simply send me a positive integer as your entry, and the lowest unduplicated one wins its owner a free issue, or 50p in stamps for traders. (A hint; 2 has won every time but one so far!)

JUST FOR STEVE HOWE:

"Howe" many Railway Rivals players does it take to change a lightbulb?  
Two more....

BARRETT (Railway Rivals YO)

Round 4

Damien's build Elmsall-E13 in 3c was meant to read Elmsall-G13 -- I must grant that the map is not the clearest I've ever seen, so we shall allow him this slip. (Mark Elmsall-G13 in orange on your maps, y'all). But it's simple enough to check by the next row of hexes if you're really uncertain.

IYI (Damien Cosgrove, orange): 4a) (M18)-Goole-I20: 4b) (I20)-H20; (J7)-Barnsley; (D45)-Halifax. 44+6+6=56  
 LUST (David Oya, red): 4a) (J45)-K45; (K50)-L49; (H7)-H6; (B57)-B58: 4b) (B58)-E60: 4c) (B58)-M20. 44-1T-1N-1A=41  
 AE (James Thorp, blue): **NMR!** 4a) (N23)-N27-Mkt Weighton: 4b) (N27)-A58-A60: 4c) (A60)-A61-N31-N32. 25+6-5(NMR)+1L=27  
 THEE (John Webley, brown): 4a) (E58)-E59-G60-York; G60-I61: 4b) (E58)-H57: 4c) (H57)-Harrogate. 33+6+1L=40  
 NUTS (Nicholas Parish, purple): 4a) [(J8)-I9] {already built}; (H61)-M64; 4b) (M64)-Thirsk; (H67)-H69; 4c) (H69)-H72. 47+6+1L=54

Rolls for round 5 are: 6-3-2

Mica/STANSTEAD (Atlantic Airlines [GM Dave Rowley])

Turn 8

| Company/Base      | Aircraft/      | Start        | /             | Via                  | /     | End     |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|-------|---------|
| PNEUMONIA/Chicago | 747 /          | H50          | /             | Miami                | /     | K48     |
| Harry Bond        | DC-8 /         | Madrid       | /             | London               | /     | N22     |
|                   | TriStar /      | Pittsburgh   | /             | Havana               | /     | D50     |
|                   | 707 /          | New York     | /             | Atlanta              | /     | D56     |
| Account=          | +406 -50 -28   | -40 -24 -20  | =             | +244                 |       |         |
| Fawltly Airlines  | A300 /         | J50          | /             | Chicago              | /     | Atlanta |
| Gander            | 727 /          | Paris        | /             | stays on the ground  |       |         |
| Thane Duffield    | DC-10 /        | H46          | /             | Havana               | /     | M14     |
|                   | BAC 111 /      | A43          | /             | Miami & Caracas      | /     | N5      |
| Account=          | -914 +160 -32  | -10 -44 -12  | -20 =         | -872, -20% =         | -1047 |         |
| BARF/Paris        | 747 /          | M23          | /             | Tunis                | /     | J70     |
| Rob Cullender     | DC-10 /        | J58          | /             | Chicago              | /     | H45     |
|                   | TriStar /      | L57          | /             | Toronto & New York   | /     | H50     |
|                   | DC-8 /         | M13          | /             |                      | /     | Madrid* |
| Account=          | -543 +297 +310 | +108 -50 -44 | -40 -28 -20 = | -10, -20% =          | -12   |         |
| DHAL/London       | 747 /          | J30          | /             |                      | /     | E50     |
| Joy Hibbert       | Concorde /     | G70          | /             | Milan & Port O'Spain | /     | G16     |
|                   | DC-10 /        | H58          | /             |                      | /     | Berlin  |
|                   | TriStar /      | F30          | /             |                      | /     | Belem   |
| Account=          | -1083 +58 +203 | +144 -50 -56 | -44 -40 -20 = | -887, -20% =         | -1065 |         |

Planes on order for use & payment next turn:- None

Landed:-

| From       | To      | Carrier       | Load/Distance/Value |
|------------|---------|---------------|---------------------|
| Belem      | Paris   | BARF/DC-10    | 7 / 29 / }          |
| Milan      | Chicago | FA/A300       | 5 / 32 / 160        |
| Caracas    | Tunis   | BARF/747      | 9 / 33 / 297        |
| Milan      | Chicago | BARF/DC-10    | 10 / 31 / 310       |
| Frankfurt  | Toronto | BARF/TriStar  | 4 / 27 / 108        |
| Washington | Milan   | DHAL/Concorde | 2 / 29 / 58         |
| New York   | Berlin  | DHAL/DC-10    | 7 / 29 / 203        |
| Kano       | Belem   | DHAL/TriStar  | 6 / 24 / 144        |

more details of this savagely fought game overleaf!

In Flight:-

|              |            |                   |    |   |    |   |     |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|----|---|----|---|-----|
| Belem        | Paris      | BARF/747          | 1  | / | 29 | / | 232 |
| Port O'Spain | Paris      | BARF/747          | 2  | / | 29 | / | }   |
| Port O'Spain | Paris      | BARF/DC-8         | 6  | / | 29 | / | 232 |
| Accra        | Pittsburgh | DHAL/747          | 12 | / | 37 | / | 444 |
| Miami        | Paris      | PNEUMONIA/747     | 11 | / | 32 | / | 352 |
| London       | Caracas    | PNEUMONIA/DC8     | 5  | / | 32 | / | 160 |
| Havana       | Madrid     | PNEUMONIA/TriStar | 9  | / | 31 | / | 279 |
| Atlanta      | Las Palmas | PNEUMONIA/707     | 3  | / | 24 | / | 72  |
| New York     | Casablanca | BARF/TriStar      | 8  | / | 24 | / | 192 |
| Port O'Spain | Algiers    | DHAL/Concorde     | 2  | / | 28 | / | 56  |

Loads Available:-

|          |                     |            |    |   |    |   |     |
|----------|---------------------|------------|----|---|----|---|-----|
| OLD      |                     |            |    |   |    |   |     |
| New York | Chicago             |            | 10 | / | 6  | / | 60  |
| New York | Tunis (EX-BARF/747) | in Caracas | 2  | / | 29 | / | 58  |
| Accra    | New York            |            | 7  | / | 35 | / | 245 |

## NEW:

|           |           |  |    |   |    |   |     |
|-----------|-----------|--|----|---|----|---|-----|
| London    | New York  |  | 2  | / | 24 | / | 48  |
| Belem     | Frankfurt |  | 4  | / | 37 | / | 148 |
| Paris     | New York  |  | 6  | / | 24 | / | 144 |
| Atlanta   | London    |  | 8  | / | 30 | / | 240 |
| Amsterdam | Havana    |  | 10 | / | 36 | / | 360 |
| Madrid    | Kano      |  | 12 | / | 15 | / | 180 |

**Press:**

Air Traffic Control to BARF "Your DC8 can only reach Madrid. Fined five."

This issue's cover will not, I hope, mislead you; it was the one I did for the last proper edition of Mica, which Dave managed to lose. It resurfaced in the move, and since a hurried count-up reveals that we are on an odd number of pages with no time to type out another one, it's that or a blank side, which goes against the ingrained instincts of every zine editor.

I know I told you earlier that it was a bad time to sub to Y Ddraig Goch, but on the other hand, if you want to see the most horribly high-camp letter I have ever composed, almost in its entirety (rot you, Bowen), the letter column of issue 60 is where to vader, sorry, look.

Interesting discoveries about laminated Railway Rivals maps, number one in an indefinite series; if a demijohn of fermenting nectarine wine forces its way out of its container and onto the map, all the railway lines will be washed off. This is the reason why CMag 'Polythene Pam' is held over in the latest issue. CMag is slower than it was, but still a good zine (Pete Sullivan, 16 Neile Close, Romanby, Northallerton, N Yorks DL7 8NN).

U-Bend has a history of printing stuff calculated to annoy fundamentalist Christians ever since the Pete Strover smiley Jesus on the Easter issue, so this seems like a good time to print the poem below:

MARY by Sam Wagar

Earthmother, godmother,  
 A woman in pain from the destiny she is condemned to --  
 Raped and impregnated  
 By some inescapable necessity --  
 Redeemed through her mortal lover --  
 a rough man in a rough trade,  
 Inarticulate, yet he can hold her in the night  
 After the supposed honour of divine rape  
 Leaves her alone to the world.

